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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: INTERVENTION OF MOROCCAN AND EGYPTIAN
FORCES

REF: (A) STATE 78733, (B) KINSHASA 3265

1. (S) DATT DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH M/GEN SHAWKAT (DMI)
AT DINNER PARTY 6 APRIL. DMI ELABORATED ON PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED (USDAO CAIRO 5704 DTG 050905Z APR 77, IIR 6 899 0113
77) GOE MILITARY DELEGATION GOING TO ZAIRE. DMI SAID THE
MISSION OF THE DELEGATION WAS FACT FINDING, THE RESULTS OF WHICH
WOULD ENABLE GOE TO MAKE JUDGMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT TO
ACTIVELY SUPPORT GOZ REQUEST FOR GOE FORCES (NUMBER UNSPECIFIED).
DMI SAID HE PERSONALLY RECOMMENDED THE GOE MILITARY DELEGATION
EXPLORE THE SITUATION BEFORE THEY RESPONDED TO GOZ REQUEST. GOE
MILITARY DELEGATION WAS TO DEPART FOR ZAIRE 7 APRIL FOR
APPROXIMATE ONE WEEK VISIT. DATT WILL DEBRIEF
DMI WHEN THEY RETURN.

2. OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS IS THAT
MINISTRY OF WAR IS EXAMINING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO SADAT
AND THAT EXPLORATORY TRIP OF EGYPTIAN
MILITARY DELEGATION TO ZAIRE IS PART OF THE EXERCISE.
WE DOUBT THAT FIRM DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON
SENDING TROOPS, ALTHOUGH EGYPTIANS MAY HAVE ALLOWED

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ZAIRIANS TO GET IMPRESSION AFFIRMATIVE DECISION WOULD
BE MADE. WE NOTE THAT SENDING TROOPS WAS NOT
ONE OF OPTIONS SADAT MENTIONED DURING DISCUSSION WITH
AMBASSADOR EILTS MARCH 27 (CAIRO 5159 NOTAL).

3. DATT IS SEEKING EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT
WITH DMI TO REVIEW SITUATION AGAIN IN LIGHT OF

REFTELS BUT THIS WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL SATURDAY, TODAY BEING MOSLEM SABBATH. IN ADDITION, CHARGE WILL PROBABLY SEE MINWAR GENERAL GAMASSY TWICE ON SATURDAY (APPOINTMENT FOR SSM KONTOS AROUND MID-DAY AND GREETING SADAT PARTY'S ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT EARLY EVENING) AND COULD DISCUSS EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS WITH HIM IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. REQUEST DEPT PASS KINSHASA, RABAT, PARIS USMISSION USUN AND WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE.
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